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State Energy Council
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Meeting Minutes
Hughes Conference Room - Capitol Building
Des Moines, Iowa

Attendees: Bill Brand, John Perkins, Lee Wilkinson, Tom Shepherd, Joan Conrad, Sharon Tahtinen, Jeff Geerts, Deborah Svec-Carstens, Mike Coveyou, Stuart Crine, Roya Stanley, Brian Crowe, Jim Bodensteiner.

Committee discussion focus was on preparation for the 2008 legislative session, including:

- DNR - Revise language in Chapter 473 to address functions of the Iowa Energy Bank program, looking specifically at the development of a revolving loan program.
- DPS - Possible amendments to state building code provisions (Iowa Code Chapter 103A) to enhance energy code coverage and enforcement include:
 - 103A.7, subsection 6, Code 2007: amend the code to include energy conservation requirements for buildings that are not intended for human occupancy, but which are lighted, heated, or cooled;
 - 103A.8, subsection 7, Code 2007: amend the code to extend the application of energy efficiency requirements to any construction, including renovation and remodeling;
 - 103A.8, subsection 8, Code 2007: amend the code to facilitate the development of all renewable energy, rather than just solar;
 - 103A.8A, Code 2007: amend the code to remove the option of political subdivisions to adopt an energy code in lieu of the energy conservation requirements in the State Building Code as an element of providing for a State Energy Code that would be applicable statewide;
 - 103A.10, subsection 4, Code 2007: amend the code to broaden the applicability of the code requirements beyond "new construction," i.e., all construction of enclosed space that is heated or cooled;
 - 103A.10, subsection 5, Code 2007: delete the subsection to remove the option for local units of government to adopt energy conservation requirements in lieu of those requirements in the State Building Code as a step to make the State Energy Code apply uniformly statewide;
 - 103A.10A, Code 2007: amend the code to allow for inspections of building additions, renovations, and remodeling for the purpose of enforcing applicable energy conservation requirements.

Comments on proposed DPS code amendments include:

- Establish "floor/baseline" for energy building code adoption;
- Adopt "spot inspections" with high penalties for non-compliance; and
- Enlist support from the League of Cities, OEI, and the Governor's Office.
- DHR - two proposed actions include:
 - Draft language that provides for the local identification of families at risk of disconnection and provides assistance for making their homes more efficient; and
 - Draft language that gives IUB the authority to approve a rate discount for low income customers, i.e., 150 percent of poverty - the same as LIHEAP.

- IUB / OCA - nothing to report.

Committee discussion items other than legislative proposals included:

- Should Iowa mandate sustainable building practices, e.g., LEED, for state buildings, public construction, for all construction?
- Use LEED certification as a base / starting point.
- If LEED is used as a measure, ensure that certification meets all energy conservation criteria.
- Meet with planning committees / architects of new DNR and IUB buildings to discuss proposed sustainable building practices.
- Implement green building tax credits for commercial and residential construction.
- Develop a revolving loan program for energy efficiency improvements similar to the Iowa Energy Center's Alternate Energy Revolving Loan Program.
- Greening Government to be under OEI by executive order.
- Reminded committee members to provide monthly report to OEI by 02/05/08.

NEXT MEETINGS:

01/25/08, 9am to 10am, Kennedy Conference Room

02/08/08, 9am to 10am, Kennedy Conference Room

02/22/08, 9am to 10am, Kennedy Conference Room